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Governor's Forum On Monitoring Salmon Recovery And Watershed Health

About The Forum

The Governor's Forum on Monitoring Salmon Recovery and Watershed Health was created By Executive Order 04-03 in August 2004, to coordinate monitoring consistent with the *Comprehensive Monitoring Strategy and Action Plan for Watershed Health and Salmon Recovery*.

The Forum is comprised of state agencies named by the Governor in the Executive Order, and invited federal agencies involved in watershed health and salmon recovery. It also includes representation from the Northwest Power and Conservation Council and the treaty Indian tribes. The Forum held its first coordinating meeting in September 2004 and meets quarterly.

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According to the Executive Order, the Governor's Forum on Monitoring is chartered to:

Provide a multi-agency venue for coordinating technical and policy issues and actions related to monitoring Washington's salmon recovery and watershed health.

Vision Statement

We envision a coordinated network of state, federal, and tribal agencies able to share data and coordinate spending effectively for developing and reporting the status and trends of Washington's salmon resources, watershed health, and restoration and recovery actions.

Forum Outcomes

- Standardized broad measures that convey results and progress easily understood by the legislature, congress and public.
- Coordinated spending on monitoring activities
- Integrated analysis and reporting of state agency monitoring
- Coordinated monitoring with federal and tribal partners
- Formal prepared reports on monitoring progress
- Independent Science Panel review of monitoring reports and actions